

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

22. (Amended.) A method for reducing scarring in acne-affected skin, comprising: topically administering to acne-affected skin an effective amount of an [[MMP]] inhibitor of MMP-1 selected from the group consisting of genistein, quercetin, or a mixture thereof in a pharmaceutically and cosmetically acceptable carrier.
23. (Previously presented.) The method of claim 22, wherein the MMP inhibitor is genistein.
24. (Previously presented.) The method of claim 22, wherein the MMP inhibitor is quercetin.

Claims 25-30 (Cancelled).

31. (Previously presented.) The method of claim 23 further comprising simultaneously treating the acne with an active ingredient selected from the group consisting of an antiinflammatory agent, a retinoid, a glucocorticoid, an antioxidant, a comedolytic, and an antibacterial agent, and mixtures thereof.
32. (Original.) The method of claim 31, wherein the retinoid is selected from the group consisting of retinol, retinal, retinoic acid and tretinate.
33. (Original.) The method of claim 31, wherein the antibacterial is tetracycline.
34. (Original.) The method of claim 31, wherein the antioxidant is selected from the group consisting of NAC, vitamin C and FDO.

35. (Previously presented.) The method of claim 31, wherein the composition includes an inhibitor of cytochrome P-450.
36. (Previously presented.) The method of claim 35, wherein the cytochrome P-450 inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of ketoconazole, fluconazole, itraconazole, liarozole, irtemazole and flucytosine.
37. (Original.) The method of claim 31, wherein the composition includes retinol.
38. (Amended.) [[A]] The method of claim 24 further comprising treating the acne by the administration of an active ingredient selected from the group consisting of an antiinflammatory agent, a retinoid, a glucocorticoid, an antioxidant, and a comedolytic, and mixtures thereof.
39. (Original.) The method of claim 38, wherein the retinoid is selected from the group consisting of retinol, retinal, retinoic acid and etretinate.

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41. (Original.) The method of claim 38, wherein the antioxidant is selected from the group consisting of NAC, vitamin C and FDO.
42. (Previously presented.) The method of claim 38, wherein the composition includes an inhibitor of cytochrome P-450.
43. (Previously presented.) The method of claim 42, wherein the cytochrome P-450 inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of ketoconazole, fluconazole, itraconazole, liarozole, irtemazole and flucytosine.
44. (Original.) The method of claim 38, wherein the composition includes retinol.

45. (Amended.) A method for ameliorating the symptoms of acne manifest as acne scarring, comprising: topically administering to an acne sufferer in need thereof an effective amount of an inhibitor of MMP-1 selected from the group consisting of genistein, quercetin, or a mixture and mixtures thereof in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claims 46-47 (Cancelled).

48. (Previously presented.) The method of claim 45, further comprising the administration of a retinoid.
49. (Previously presented.) The method of claim 45, further comprising the administration of a triazole.
50. (Amended.) The method of claim 45, further comprising treating the acne by the ~~adminstration~~ administration of an active ingredient selected from the group consisting of an antiinflammatory agent, a retinoid, a glucocorticoid, an antioxidant, a comedolytic, an antibacterial agent except when quercetin is used, or a combination of two or more thereof.